

The Office of Grant Development Newsletter

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All,

Welcome back! **The Office of Grant Development (OGD)** supports principals, teachers, and school-based staff with pursuing extra funds and resources. Our monthly newsletters contain small grant opportunities, Donorschoose match offers, and other resources to equip your students with the supplies they need. ***Please reach out to us for assistance at grants@philasd.org.***

Applications for our 4th year cohort of School Resource Academy (SRA) close Friday, Sept. 6th.

The SRA program is a year-long series of professional development workshops that build the capacity of 10 school teams to raise funds for school priorities. For more information and to apply, please see page #2.

We wish you a successful school year!

Sincerely,
Michael Sonkowsky,
Deputy Chief, Office of Grant Development

Note: *Formal central office "approval" to apply for any of the grants listed is not needed, but it is very important that you communicate with your principal about any resources you are hoping to bring into your school. We strongly encourage you to contact us in the Office of Grant Development if you are considering applying for a grant. Our team of experienced grant-writers can help you by discussing strategy or reviewing drafts. You can email us at grants@philasd.org, or find more resources on our webpage. <https://www.philasd.org/grants/>*

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Join School Resource Academy!



SCHOOL RESOURCE ACADEMY

WHAT: The Office of Grant Development (OGD) is seeking to build capacity for fund development in schools previously only minimally involved in raising funds and with few engaged community supporters.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- 10 schools each raise \$10,000 for principal priorities
- Sustainable school teams learn skills + tools to raise funds
- Develop wealth networks to potentially assist in yearly school needs



PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS:

School teams attend 20 virtual/in-person workshops from Oct. 2024-June 2025. PFT members receive PD pay.

**Be a part of our 4th year cohort of
School Resource Academy!**
Scan the QR Code to Complete an Application



Application Deadline: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

**If you have any questions or need assistance, please
contact Laura Lau at llau@philasd.org**

Grant Opportunities

NOTE: Funders may change their mission, strategy, and target recipients at any time. The OGD has reviewed all of the opportunities to ensure that all are still accepting applications as of September 1st and are appropriate for our audience, however, it is possible that changes were made after our review. Please be sure to carefully review the funder's policies and practices before beginning any application and reach out to OGD with any changes you find.

Upcoming Deadlines

Opportunity: Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grants

Due Date: October 15, 2024

Eligible Applicants: Elementary classrooms grades K-6 with ten students or more

Purpose: The Herb Society of America will select 15 elementary schools to receive \$300 to establish an indoor or outdoor herb garden. In addition to plants, the funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300

Website: <https://www.herbsociety.org/get-involved/grants-scholarships/>

Opportunity: The Philly Service Award

Due Date: November, 2024

Eligible Applicants: Philadelphia High Schools

Purpose: At the Philly Service Award, our mission is to engage and inspire Philadelphia's youth by funding high schools with grants for student-led community service projects. By taking a hands-on approach to their communities' challenges, students are changing the city from the inside out while carving their own path to civic leadership. We celebrate their achievements at our awards ceremony, provide additional funding to enhance schools, and support educators with classroom essentials.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$1,000 grant for community service; supplies for school; additional future prizes available if selected to participate

Website: <https://www.phillyserviceaward.com/>

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Opportunity: Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education (SFE)

Due Date: November 15, 2024

Eligible Applicants: Schools, after-school care programs, or youth groups

Purpose: For more than 25 years, this vital Wild Ones donor-funded program has provided small grants for native plant gardens and landscaping projects throughout the United States. The funds are designated for acquiring native plants and seeds for outdoor learning areas that engage children, preschool to high school. Youth must participate directly in planning, planting and caring of the native plant gardens. Applicants encouraged to reach out to local Wild Ones chapter for additional support and resources.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100-\$500

Website: <https://wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe-application/>

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Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Environmental Education Mini Grants **(REQUIRES OGD ASSISTANCE)**

Due Date: November 15, 2024

Eligible Applicants: K-12 schools

Purpose: The PA Department of Environmental Protection is offering schools mini grants of up to \$5,000 to fund innovative environmental education projects. The goal of environmental education is an environmentally literate citizenry, prepared to make informed decisions and take positive actions to help ensure the state's natural resources are available for the use and enjoyment of future generations. Priority is given to environmental education projects that engage people living, working and/or attending school within Environmental Justice areas in topics related to Climate Change and/or Water.

Eligible costs include travel, resources such as educational materials, supplies, and equipment/technology, and staffing if they do not exceed 50% of grant funds. Involvement of partners is highly encouraged.

Matching Grant: Yes - A match of any amount is required (20% is encouraged). It can be cash and/or in-kind.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$5,000

Website: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/EnvironmentalEducation/Grants/Pages/2025-EE-Grants-Program-Manual.aspx>

Assistance from OGD is required in order to apply. Please email grants@philasd.org

Ongoing / Rolling Basis

Principals ONLY - Grants from Elected Officials

We highly encourage principals to reach out to your state representatives to request funding. If you receive a link to apply to a state grant, please reach out to OGD for assistance. The state application may be difficult to complete and our grant-writers can guide you through the process.

Find your PA Legislator:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/index.cfm>

Opportunity: Karma for Cara Community Service Youth MicroGrant Program

Due Date: October 1st, January 1st, April 1st, & July 1st

Eligible Applicants: Students 18 years of age and under. Must have a teacher/adult advisor for their project.

Purpose: Students may apply to complete service projects in their communities throughout the United States.

Estimated Range of Awards: between \$250-\$1,000

Note: They do not fund stipends, facility rentals, or transportation costs.

Website: <https://karmaforcara.org/microgrant-application>

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Opportunity: Leveling the Playing Field

Due Date: Rolling Basis

Eligible Applicants: K-12 schools and nonprofits serving economically disadvantaged youth

Purpose: Leveling the Playing Field furnishes schools and community organizations with free new and gently-used sports equipment enabling those groups to provide affordable and accessible youth sports activities for their children who otherwise would not have such opportunities.

Estimated Range of Awards: Access to their warehouse space to take new and gently-used equipment on a continuous basis

Website: <https://www.levelingtheplyingfield.org/apply-for-equipment/>

Opportunity: Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

Due Date: Rolling basis, beginning in August of each school year

Eligible Applicants: Elementary Educators, 501c3s

Purpose: Funding is available for the production of plays and musicals performed by elementary school students (grades 1–5) in a school program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300

Website: <http://lovettfoundation.org/elementaryDramaFund.html>

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Opportunity: The Awesome Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing - every other month on the second Tuesday

Eligible Applicants: Anyone

Purpose: To support anyone working on a project to improve their community in Philadelphia

Estimated Range of Awards: \$1000

Website: <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/philadelphia>

Opportunity: Toshiba America Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: Teachers of grades K-12

Purpose: Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their science, technology, engineering and math classrooms. TAF is interested in funding innovative projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools and classroom. Applications must be for project based learning.

They do not consider requests for computer hardware (including computers, laptops, and tablets). Summer programs, after-school projects, and independent study projects are not eligible for funding.

Estimated Range of Awards:

GRADES K-5

Applications for less than \$5,000 are due 10/1.

GRADES 6-12

Applications for less than \$5,000 are due 9/1, 12/1, 3/1, & 6/1

Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due 11/1 and 5/1.

Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Literacy Resources for Teachers

****Please note that some resources require memberships****

1) The Philly Book Bank

<https://phillybookbank.org/>



The Philly Book Bank is located inside Martin Luther King High School and helps educators get books and resources for their students. Educators can get up to 400 books per school year, as well as supplemental classroom supplies, with a combined value of over \$4,000. **Membership is FREE. Sign up HERE to be a member.** Book Bank is open on Wednesdays from 3-6pm or by appointment (email anne@phillybookbank.org).

2) Book Smiles

<https://www.booksmiles.org/>



BookSmiles, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, promotes literacy and the joy of reading by giving books to children throughout New Jersey and Greater Philadelphia. Teachers register for a \$25 yearly subscription to pick up books for their classrooms and students at 7300 N. Crescent Blvd, #10 in Pennsauken.

Register HERE.

3) Tree House Book Visits

<https://www.treehousebooks.org/visits-to-the-tree-house-1>



Tree House is a Community Literacy Center headquartered in North Philadelphia on 1430 W. Susquehanna Ave. Tree House is excited to welcome local schools to enjoy a dynamic, customizable field trip experience at their Giving Library. Students participate in fun games, reading exercises, arts and crafts, and more! Plus, every child gets FREE Books to add to their home library. **Sign up HERE to set up a visit.**

School-Based Staff ONLY: DonorsChoose Match Offers

**Make sure to check out this month's
DonorsChoose Match Offers for
Pennsylvania!**

Click here to view offers: <https://www.donorschoose.org/match-offers>

Some Current Highlights Include:

- 1) 2x Match for Projects for Immigrant & Refugee Students**
- 2) Johnson Ohana Foundation is Supporting Music & The Arts Projects at Equity Focus Schools from Teachers who have Never had a DonorsChoose Project Funded**
- 3) Valhalla Foundation is Supporting Never-Before-Funded Pre-K Teachers from Equity Focus Schools**
- 4) 2x Match on Projects Teaching Compassion**

*****Please note that match offers change frequently*****

Additional Resources

Policy 702

https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2019/07/702_Gifts-Grants-Donations-and-Student-Fundraising_Policy_May.pdf

Policy 702.2

<https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2018/07/Policy-702.2.pdf>

Philly Fundamentals (Principals ONLY)

<https://www.givecampus.com/schools/TheFundfortheSchoolDistrictofPhiladelphia>

DonorsChoose (Teachers & School-facing Staff)

<https://www.donorschoose.org/>

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